been observed following induction of newly elected Government in Pakistan in that Government's policy and attitude with regard to arming and training of rebels (Mujahideens) in Afghanistan and that of the terrorists operating in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have taken the opportunity to discuss these matters at different levels to impress on the new Government of Pakistan headed by Mrs. Benazir Bhutto to effectively curb these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) There has so far been no let-up in Pakistan based Mujahideen activity in Afghanistan and in Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activity directed against India.

(c) India's views in these matters are well known to Pakistan and Government have been taking up this matter of terrorists activities with the new Government of Pakistan.

P.M.'s Visit to China

128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BAIKUNTHNATH SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited China in December, 1988 as scheduled;

(b) if so, whether an arrangement for amicable settlement of the boundary dispute between the two countries was evolved during the visit, and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken so far in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the visit, it was agreed that a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question should be reached through peaceful consultations between India and China. It was decided by both countries to set up a Joint Working Group on the boundary question. The Group will address the question of an overall boundary settlement, as well as ensure the maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas. The Group is to be headed by the Foreign Secretary on the Indian side, and on the Chinese side, by the Vice Foreign Minister.

Vacant Posts of Operational Maintenance Staff in S. E. Railway

129. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of posts of operational maintenance and running staff lying vacant in the South Eastern Railway at the end of 1988; stating the reasons for keeping the posts vacant and thus increasing the workload on the existing strength; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The information as on 31-12-1988 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.